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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

MEARES and CHMURA

Application No.: 09/671,953

Filed: September 27, 2000

For: ENGINEERING ANTIBODIES  
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Examiner: Larry R. Helms

Art Unit: 1642

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION  
REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 10, 2001, Applicants elect Group I, with traverse, drawn to claims 1-3, 10-11, 14-25, and 30-38.

Applicants petition to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application for one month. A Fee Transmittal authorizing the Commissioner to charge the petition fee to our deposit account is attached.

Please amend this application as set forth below.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 4-9, 12-13, and 26-29 without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

**I. Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-41 are pending. Claims 1-41 are subject to a restriction requirement.

Claims 1-3, 10-11, 14-25, and 30-38 are elected with traverse.